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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**Draft - National Occupational Research Agenda for Services**

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) .

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces the availability of a draft NORA Agenda entitled *National Occupational Research Agenda for Services* for public comment. To view the notice and related materials, visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter CDC-2018-0006 in the search field and click "Search."

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**DATES:** Electronic or written comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION DATE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by CDC-2018-0006 and docket number NIOSH-306, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov> Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998.

*Instructions:* All submissions received in response to this notice must include the agency name and docket number [CDC-2018-0006; NIOSH-306]. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. All information received in response to this notice will also be available for public examination and copying at the

NIOSH Docket Office, 1150 Tusculum Avenue, Room 155,  
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number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Occupational  
Research Agenda (NORA) is a partnership program created to  
stimulate innovative research and improved workplace  
practices. The national agenda is developed and implemented  
through the NORA sector and cross-sector councils. Each  
council develops and maintains an agenda for its sector or  
cross-sector.

**Background:** The National Occupational Research Agenda for  
Services is intended to identify the research, information,  
and actions most urgently needed to prevent occupational  
illnesses and injuries in the Services sector. The National  
Occupational Research Agenda for Services provides a  
vehicle for stakeholders to describe the most relevant  
issues, gaps, and safety and health needs for the sector.  
Each NORA research agenda is meant to guide or promote high

priority research efforts on a national level, conducted by various entities, including: government, higher education, and the private sector.

The first National Occupational Research Agenda for Services was published in 2009 for the second decade of NORA (2006-2016) and updated in 2013 and 2015. This draft is an updated agenda for the third decade of NORA (2016-2026). The revised agenda was developed considering new information about injuries and illnesses, the state of the science, and the probability that new information and approaches will make a difference. As the steward of the NORA process, NIOSH invites comments on the draft *National Occupational Research Agenda for Services*. Comments expressing support or with specific recommendations to improve the Agenda are requested. A copy of the draft Agenda is available at <https://www.regulations.gov> (search Docket Number CDC-2018-0006).

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